

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
10/28/13 Meeting MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Chair Alderperson Eric Sitkiewitz, Vice Chair Alderperson Tyler Martell, Alderperson Al Schema, Alderperson Dave Soeldner, Alderperson Scott McMeans

Staff Present: Police Chief Oscar Dick, Acting Fire Chief Gregg Kadow, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski, Greg Minikel/Public Infrastructure, Captain Zimney/Police

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 by E. Sitkiewitz
2. Motion to approve previous minutes from October 16th 2013 committee meeting made by T. Martell. Seconded by A. Schema. Motion carried unanimously.
3. No Public Input
4. Discussed communication from Julie Schreiter about safety around Meadow Lane School Zone due to speed of vehicles and drivers not slowing down. J. Schreiter stated that the signs that are there are currently obstructed and requested additional signs. Franklin Elementary Principal K. Wakeman reported that although the number of children crossing there is low he feels they're at significant risk and will not send his safety patrol students out there because it's not safe for them. Further discussion consisted of more aggressive signage, educating the public, ramping up fines in school zone, and cost of various types of signs. It was determined that a good trimming will be done around the existing signs and the Police Department will ensure the portable signs get put up in this area and included in the sign rotation.
5. Discussed communication from Sharon Strouf about safety in Reed Ave area in regards to vehicle speed, racing from stop lights and excessive truck traffic. G. Minikel reported that Reed Ave is not designated as a truck route however trucks do have the right to use the shortest route to their destination. Further discussion revealed a speed study was done, the timing of the lights at 8th and Reed was fixed to change when there is a vehicle, and the Police Dept will try to keep a presence in this area. Committee recommended placing on file.
6. Discussed communication from Kim Geiser regarding issues concerning downtown parking restrictions. It was determined that there is unlimited parking within a block or so of the address in question. Committee recommended placing on file.
7. Discussed communication from Steven McClelland regarding a Quiet Zone for train horns in the City of Manitowoc. D. Koski looked into this issue extensively and reported that it would cost approx. \$30,000 to put up barriers at every intersection which would be required to enact a quiet zone. This has also been discussed in the past and it's a cost issue. Committee recommended placing on file.
8. Discussed the Accident Cleanup fee of \$20,000 for the 2014 City of Manitowoc budget. Acting Fire Chief Kadow stated the fee itself seems to be working. Further discussion included the cleanup process, actual cost, and whether or not we should be charging for the service. S. McMeans made a motion to continue the fee structure thru 2014 as presented in 2013. Seconded by A. Schema. No others in favor. Opposed E. Sitkiewitz, D. Soeldner, T. Martell. Failed 3-2
9. Police Chief Dick distributed a mileage report, discussed the current squad fleet and took the committee to the garage to view and sit in the different squads. Chief Riesterer of Valders was also present with a Valders SUV squad for the committee to see.
10. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:25pm